They say a picture is worth a thousand words, and especially in today’s social media world, I strongly believe in taking pictures of library events and taking advantage of the technology at our fingertips for good purposes...like promoting everything the library has to offer to everyone in the community. I started at Woodland Public Library as your first dedicated Teen Services Librarian in January 2015 with a mission to bring more teens into the library to volunteer, read, learn, grow, and yes, have fun. I have added as many pictures as I could in this letter to showcase all the teens that participated in these library events and programs since I began my journey at Woodland almost 6 years ago. You can find more pictures on our Instagram and Facebook @WoodlandPublicLibrary. Make sure to like and follow!

I will no doubt continue to shamelessly plug Woodland Public Library as one of the best libraries and communities ever, even as I embark on my new journey as the Supervising Librarian managing the Rio Vista Library in Solano County. Rio Vista is a quaint little river town you will find going towards Antioch. I live in Vacaville so it is about the same distance away as Woodland. Even though I live in Vacaville, I can truly say that Woodland is like a second home to me and I will miss everyone so much!

Through the support of an amazing Library Director, Greta Galindo, Library Board of Trustees, and library staff, I dove head first into the challenge of starting a Teen Advisory Board (TAB) from scratch. With the help of some wonderful staff at Woodland Joint Unified School District (WJUSD) and UC Davis Early Academic Outreach Program (EAOP) I was able to recruit and train over 35 teens from all the schools in Woodland and then some each year. Students from Douglass, Lee, Pioneer, Woodland, Woodland Christian, Davis Jr. High and also homeschool students have participated in TAB and earned over 400 volunteer service hours every year by planning, promoting, and hosting events for teens and children in the community. In addition to EAOP and WJUSD, TAB would not be possible without the support of my library team, Carol, Sara, Trina, Sylvia, Silvia, Esther, Brenda, Sue, Arturo, Daniel, Roselle, Tessa, Rosa, Diana, Erick, Evelyn, Stephanie, and all our library technical assistants & pages. Also shout out to our IT Department (Jack, Scott, Jr. etc. for handling all our tech issues) & Rachael, Sheila, Karie, and Jennifer at the City Office!

TAB and our partnerships have grown throughout the years enabling us to host, collaborate, or participate in the following Programs:

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As your almost former Teen Librarian (my last day is November 20) I am most proud of working with such dedicated and hard-working teens that care about their community and show up to volunteer. I am always stressing the importance of giving back to the community and working with others, so I would like to thank and recognize all the community partners that have supported and worked with me and TAB:

All Leaders Must Serve
The Daily Democrat
EnviroWoodland
Empower Yolo/ ASSETS/ POP
Friends of the Woodland Public Library (FOL)
Fourth and Hope
League of Women’s Voters
Planned Parenthood
TANA Taller Arte Del Nuevo Amanecer
Travis Federal Credit Union
UC Davis Early Academic Outreach Program (EAOP)
WAVE Cable Television
Woodland City Council and Mayor’s Office
Woodland Library Board of Trustees

Woodland Community Services Department (CSD)
Woodland Police Department (PD)
Woodland Fire Department (Fire)
Woodland Joint Unified School District (WJUSD)
Woodland Christian High
Woodland Community College (WCC)
Woodland United Way Capitol Corridor
Yolo Conflict Resolution Center (YCRC)
Yolo District Attorney’s Office/ Multicultural Council (MCCC)
Yolo County Assessor/Recorder/Elections Office (ACE)
Yolo County Board of Supervisors
Yolo County Office of Education (YCOE)
Yolo County Health & Social Services/ Friday Night Live (FNL)
Yolo County Library

Sooo...where are all those fun pictures I promised you? Scroll down to page 2 of 4.
Message to my Teen Advisory Board

TAB, I’m still here for you! Albert, Alexa, Ali, Anisha, Aqsa, Asmaa, Avalon, Ayantu, Bela, Bryan, Camila, Daniel, Elisha, Estevan, Guadalupe, Huilan, Iris, Jada, Jonathan, Jose, Juan, Karen, Ketzali, Laiba, Leila, Mia, Nadia, Namrata, Naomi, Olivia, Priscilla, Remsha, Rylee, Sage, Sarah, Skye, Sofia, and Talia, whether you’ve been part of TAB since middle school or just recently joined this summer, the library will always be here for you!

And the next Teen Librarian will be amazing! Sara Vickers, the Children’s Librarian will be contacting you for help with children’s crafts in December. I will still reach out to you through Remind and email until the new Teen Librarian is hired on. He/She/They will need your support and I trust that you will be welcoming and eager to volunteer and help. You are all in good hands and I will miss you. Thank you for being YOU and all the memories we’ve created at the library. It has truly been an honor to watch you grow and blossom into confident, intelligent, compassionate, wonderful, kind-hearted, and amazing individuals. Remember that YOUR voice and opinions matter because YOU are making a positive difference in the community you live in!

Keep in touch! Email rhea@thepaintinglibrarian.com, Instagram @thepaintinglibrarian, Facebook @Rhea Gardner
Teen Volunteer Questions? Email Sara.Vickers@cityofwoodland.org or Sylvia.Moreno@cityofwoodland.org
Message to my Professional Colleagues

It has been a privilege to work with all of you to bring community programs and opportunities to our youth through the library and your organization. Teamwork truly makes the dream work and I hope that you continue to support the library’s efforts with the new Teen Librarian. In the meantime, Sara Vickers, the Children’s Librarian will be your point of contact until the new person is hired on. I trust that he/she/they will be just as collaborative, hard-working, and passionate about working with youth and community partners. It has been such a pleasure working with you all. And now... you have a partner at Solano County Library. You are all amazing and I would like to personally thank you for working with me!

Rogelio Villagrana, Monica Pena Villegas, Maryam Irfan and all the student assistants at EAOP! Damian Martin, Janice Rose, Bonny Carr, Mike Gastineau from WJUSD. Justin Smith at Woodland Christian. Jenna Moncrief, Kris Bain, Erich Buechler and everyone at CSD. Chief Kaff, Trista Kennedy, and Morgan Snedeker at PD. Emily Walling at Fire. Reyna Piñon, Rosie Ledesma at EnviroWoodland. Jesse Salinas, Katherine Campos, Ana Morales at ACE. Jenny Tan, Tessa Smith, Jeff Reisig, Jonathan Raven, and Melinda Aiello, from Yolo DA/Multicultural Community Council, Kara Hunter from YCRC. Garth Lewis, Deborah Bruns, and Elyse Doyle-Martinez at YCOE. Uriel Delgado and Isabel Duenas at WCC. Katrina Laws-Ewald and Sharon Tani at Yolo Library. Mari Perla and Evelia Genera at League of Women’s Voters. Joseph Hernandez at Fourth & Hope. Judge Sonia Cortes. Fabian and Claudia Angel at Empower Yolo. Elena Jaime and Debbie Clifford at Yolo County FNL. Anthony Volkar and Miriam at Travis Credit Union. Woodland City Council Members, Tom Stallard, Enrique Fernandez and Xochitl Rodriguez. Author Reyna Grande. Alison Borkowska, Noel Rodriguez, Dr. John Jackson, Maureen King, and Maria Hernandez at Library Board of Trustees. Martha and Kevin at FOL. This is actually not a full list (sorry if I missed anyone), proving that community and collaboration is everything! I tried to include as many names as possible so my TAB members, future Teen Librarian, and Woodland Library staff know who to connect with for future programs! Thank You!!!!